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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED UPCOMING
LOS CONFERENCE WITH MFA ACTING LOS AFFAIRS CHIEF, MURAT BILHAN,
ON MARCH 12. (MORE SENIOR OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH LOS HAD
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ALREADY DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK. BILHAN SAID THAT THE US

VIEWS WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE TURKISH LOS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK AND THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE US DELEGATION. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM THAT A RESOLUTION OF MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WOULD BE ARRIVED AT IN NEW YORK. HE STATED THAT GOT WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON PROTECTION OF TURKISH CLAIMS IN THE AEGEAN, AND HE ESTIMATED THAT SOME 20 TO 30 COUNTRIES ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THE TURKISH POSITION.

2. IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE LOS CONGERENCE AND AEGEAN ISSUES:

A. PRIMIN DEMIREL TOLD JOURNALISTS MARCH 11 THAT "NO ONE CAN TAKE OUR RIGHTS AWAY FROM US AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCESWE DID NOT OBTAIN THESE RIGHTS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WE DID NOT MAKE TURKEY OUR HOMELAND THANKS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.....THERE IS THEREFORE NO NEED FOR ANXIETY ABOUT OUR RIGHTS BEING LOST AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES....LET US MAKE SURE WE ARE STRONG, EXPAND OUR ECONOMY AND CONSOLIDATE OUR DEFENSE. THEN OUR RIGHTS WILL NOT BE LOST."

B. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DEPSECGEN HASAN ESAT ISIK ISSUED A STATEMENT MARCH 11 SAYING THAT IT WAS AN "UNAVOIDABLE NECESSITY THAT WE COOPERATE WITH GREECE, WITH EQUAL RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN." ISIK CRITICIZED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FOR GIVING THE IMPRESSION TO THE WORLD THAT WE ARE AFRAID TO SAFEGUARD OUR RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN. WHILE GREECE CONTINUES WITH ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF, THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO EVEN TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN PROSPECTING FOR OIL. IT IS TRYING TO FOOL THE PUBLIC WITH SHOWY STATEMENTS."

C. YUKSEL SOYLEMEZ, MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, TOLD NEWSMEN BEFORE DEPARTING FOR NEW YORK MARCH 11 THAT "TURKEY HAS PROPOSED THAT THE EXTENT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IN SEAS WITH SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS BE ESTABLISHED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE COASTAL COUNTRIES

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IT HAS PROPOSED THAT TERRITORIAL WATERS, CONTINENTAL SHELVES AND ECONOMIC ZONES BETWEEN ADJOINING OR OR OPPOSED COASTS BE DETERMINED THROUGH MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. NO SOLUTION SHOULD BE EXPECTED ON BILATERAL PROBLEMS FROM SUCH A MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE. THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE CAN ONLY BE OF A GUIDING NATURE IN THE SOLUTION OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS.
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